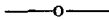


sec. 126A). The transfer of these records is now in process. In addition to these records the agency has in its custody the non-current records of many State agencies, and microfilm copies of all deeds through 1850 and all wills through 1950.

While the Board of Public Works alone has the authority to destroy non-current records, all such records must first be offered to the Hall of Records, and then, should the Archivist decline the records, permission to destroy them may be sought from the Board of Public Works. Provision has also been made for the periodic disposition of certain non-current records upon a schedule arranged by the record custodian and the Archivist. All such schedules must be approved by the Board of Public Works. The original of any paper or document, except those excluded by law, which has been microfilmed, photostated, or reproduced by any other photographic method approved by the Hall of Records may also be destroyed. In all instances the record custodian must submit to the Archivist a listing of all records which have been destroyed (Acts 1949, Chs. 518, 755). The Hall of Records is authorized to reproduce photographically upon request the records of any agency of the State government, as well as the land records of any Court of the State upon the request of the Court (Code 1947, Supp. Art. 41, sec. 127).

The Hall of Records also maintains a library of official publications of the various State agencies, and all State agencies are required to deposit one copy of each official publication at the Hall of Records (Code 1947 Supp., Art. 41, sec. 103). The Hall of Records is further responsible for the editing and preparation of the MARYLAND MANUAL.

Expenditures, 1950 .....	\$43,828.64
Appropriation, 1951 .....	56,797.00
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The Department of Information was established as a separate State agency on June 1, 1949. It existed hitherto as a division of the Hall of Records Commission, having been authorized by the Board of Public Works on February 17, 1948. The Department is a central agency for the dissemination of information concerning the State. Under law (Acts 1949, Ch. 665) the department is empowered to collect and assemble data about Maryland and to distribute it in the form of maps, films, photographs, pamphlets, posters, press and radio releases, and by other means to the public in general and to institutions of learning in particular. It is further authorized to promote the interests of Maryland and its products. In this respect, the Department serves as a center of information for the encouragement of tourism and vacation trade in the State.

Expenditures, 1950 .....	\$23,508.14
Appropriation, 1951 .....	29,211.00
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